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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

The tax levy at San Pedro has been fixed at 60 cents.

The last horse car line has been electrified at Pasadena.

The Chino sugar factory is paying out \$22,000 per month for labor.

National City has organized a wheelman's club with thirty members.

The Lima Bean Association of Ventura is holding its product at \$2.10 per bushel.

The city and county tax rate of Santa Ana is to be \$2.65. The Orange county rate will be \$1.25.

Governor McCord of Arizona has a new private secretary, his son, C. J. McCord of Wisconsin.

The Brewster sanitarium has been destroyed by fire at San Diego. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Miss Mary Johnston, a Pomona school teacher, was burned to death in the New Castle, Colo., wreck.

At a mass meeting held at East Riverside last week, Highgrove was chosen as the new name for that locality.

A Phoenix, Ariz., firm has secured 5000 pennies for the purpose of introducing them into the trade of that city.

A new mining camp has been established at Ballarat, Inyo county. It is five months old, and has a population of 300.

The Orange county supervisors are preparing to inaugurate some extensive road sprinkling about Fullerton and Anaheim.

The tax rate in San Diego this year will be \$1.57 on the \$100; and in the county \$1.97; making a total of \$3.45 on the \$100 valuation of property.

Next month the first crop of oysters will be gathered from the San Pedro beds. One man has twelve acres planted and expects to get 500 bushels of the oyster.

The board of education in San Bernardino has reduced salaries and other expenses so as to cut down the amount used for school purposes \$6000 over last year.

Echo is the latest postoffice for Arizona. It is in the Canada del Oro country, and the latter name being too long to suit the postal authorities, Echo was substituted.

The San Diego Brewing company manufactured 1,875 barrels of beer during August, and shipped away 1,560 barrels. This means a revenue to the government of \$1,560 in stamps.

The board of supervisors of Ventura county have directed George C. Powers, civil engineer, to prepare specifications for constructing a bridge of steel and wood over the Santa Clara river.

The Southern Pacific train that comes up from Santa Monica at 3:45 is a flier. It makes no stop until University, 13 miles, and that station is called in 15 minutes from the time of starting.

The building of the Children's Home society in Los Angeles is to be called the Victoria Home, in recognition of a gift of \$1000 made by the English residents of that city as a Victoria jubilee memorial.

The owners of oil wells in Los Angeles are resorting to the practice of shooting wells by dynamite. The practice is dangerous because of fires and the city authorities propose to enforce the ordinance against it.

John W. Kapus, the young broker who defrauded Los Angeles citizens of thousands of dollars by selling them bogus claims on the Pacific Coast Steamship company, has left for Chicago and his victims are mourning his departure.

T. B. Starr, a New York millionaire jeweler is coming to Southern California from Colorado Springs in a special train, bringing with him his pet cow in a Wagner car built for the purpose. He will open the winter at Santa Barbara.

The citric-acid factory of North Orange is approaching completion. The building ranks with the average orange growing house in size and appearance, and has been put in from the inside.

San Bernardino papers claim that the California Water company is preparing to build \$5,000,000 on the water development in Lytle Creek cañon. It is to be built seven large reservoirs of water enough to irrigate 100,000 acres.

The California Construction company has finally been awarded the contract for the construction of the third gun emplacement at Ballast point, near San Diego. The stone for the fortification will be supplied from the Sweetwater quarries. Delivery will begin as soon as excavations can be completed, which is now in progress.

Holbrook, Ariz., is now a very bower of sweet odors. An epidemic of sweet odors struck the town recently, and

a war is on between the citizens and the sassy little brutes. While the citizens are lively with their fusillade, it may be added that the skunks are not much behind with one peculiarly and most effectively their own.

The Lower Californian, published at Ensenada, is authority for the statement that the War Department has designated the Ensenada district as the headquarters for a troop of Cavalry. The troop is to come from the City of Mexico. The Mexican government has granted the Piramide Mining company of Lower California a patent to thirty acres of land, about sixty miles below Tia Juana, upon which are located a number of very rich placer gold mines.

The Santa Fe is making great preparations for its "limited," which will again be put in service on September 15. This train will consist entirely of vestibuled sleeping, dining and drawing-room cars, and will make the run from Los Angeles to Chicago in seventy-two hours. The train will leave that city twice a week until near the end of the year, but through the latter part of December and during January and February of next year it will be run three times a week.

A party of Southern Pacific officials has departed for Mexico for an inspection trip over the Sonora railway, and it is rumored that their inspection of the property is to be followed by the transfer of the road by the Santa Fe to the Southern Pacific company. The Sonora railway has been traded by the Santa Fe for the line between Mojave and the Needles, belonging to the Southern Pacific, but operated for many years by the Santa Fe under a lease and contract of purchase, but a formal transfer has not yet been made.

The strong attraction of the Yuma penitentiary for the citizens of Arizona may be due in part to the opportunities afforded for acquiring an entirely new and improved variety of jag. It is reported that the prisoners smoke maragana, a kind of weed found in Southern Arizona, which seems to combine the delectable qualities of opium and whiskey. The effect of using maragana is said to be "hilarious intoxication."

The will of Dr. Edgar, a pioneer of Southern California, who died recently, contains the following bequests to local institutions: Historical society of Southern California, \$1500; Roman Catholic Orphans' Home of Los Angeles, \$250; Protestant Orphans' Home, \$250; Ladies' Benevolent society, \$500; commissioners of the Soldiers' Home near Washington, D. C., \$200; board of fire commissioners of Los Angeles, for the benefit of the firemen, \$500. He also bequeathes \$500 each to the public libraries of Los Angeles and San Bernardino.

Notice of intention to build and articles of incorporation of the Prescott and Eastern railroad have been filed with the Arizona territorial secretary. The new road, which has already been surveyed, is to run from near Prescott to Big Bug, a distance of about thirty miles. The road will be a feeder of the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix, and the incorporators are among the stockholders of the main road, comprising N. K. Fairbank, Frank M. Murphy, D. M. Ferry, C. C. Bowen, Simon J. Murphy, J. Morten and George W. Krebinger.

The well-known poet of the people, Prof. James G. Clark, died at his home in Pasadena September 17. For several months he had been confined to his bed. He was born in Coeslantia, N. Y., June 28, 1830, and at the time of his death he was 67 years of age. Among the poems that go to make his memory green are The Children of the Battle Field, Fremont's Battle Hymn, and The People's Battle Hymn. Two of his children survive him, one living in St. Paul and the other, James G. Clark, jr., in Los Angeles.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The postoffice department has decided to change the 2-cent stamps from carmine to green, to correspond with the color on the stamped envelopes.

President McKinley has returned to Washington, and it is expected that the Cuban question will engage his immediate attention. The presidential policy is expected to be the very opposite of active intervention.

The state department is informed that the standard 24-foot United States ensign, which went down with the Vandallia when that vessel was wrecked at Apia, Samoa, has been recovered and presented to the United States consul's office at Apia.

The documented merchant marine of the United States in June last numbered 22,633 vessels of 769,020 gross tons, an increase of 65,40 tons over 1896, and a decrease of 25 vessels. The tonnage of the Atlantic and gulf coasts is 2,647,796, a decrease of 20,000 tons. The tonnage of the great lakes is 1,410,103 tons, an increase of 86,000 tons. The Pacific coast tonnage was practically stationary.

It is stated that S. N. D. North of Boston has been elected as superintendent of the next census, and that his appointment will be made as soon as the necessary legislation can be enacted. The president is said to favor the establishment of a permanent bureau of census, and is likely to express some views on that subject in his next message to Congress.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Alameda county has the largest hop crop in its history.

Grape pickers up north are getting \$1 a day and board or \$10 a month more than last year.

The famous Oakland water front case has been decided by the supreme court adversely to the city.

A Napa cannery has had to refuse \$25,000 worth of orders because of the unusual demands upon it.

The title to 160 acres of land in the city of Livermore has been attacked in the Alameda county probate court.

The Manufacturers and Producers' Association of San Francisco are compiling a directory of all their members, as well as of all the products of California.

Wheat is moving from coast points very freely bound for the Continent. In the past seven days 22 cargoes have gone from San Francisco, and Portland reports 548,986 bushels shipped.

Correspondent Scovill thinks \$1500 in work and dynamite will make a good trail over the Alaska mountains. The New York World provides the money and the miners are doing the work.

Statistics compiled at Tacoma show that upwards of 20,000 people, representing every State in the Union excepting South Carolina, are already perfecting plans to go to the Klondyke next spring.

Washington has made an immense pack of salmon, one company alone packing 95,000 cases at Point Roberts. In consequence the market prices of canned salmon this year will be the lowest ever known.

Pope Leo XIII, through Cardinal Rampolla and Archbishop Keane, has signified his intention of presenting to the Stanford University Library an expensive bound copy of the catalogue of the famous Vatican library.

Fourteen returned Klondykers reached Seattle, bringing about \$1,000 apiece. All agree that the coming winter will see scurvy, starvation and death along the Yukon. Nobody is getting through by the land route, and many are coming home.

There has been of late considerable opium mysteriously smuggled into Folsom prison. A roll of opium a couple of inches long was found in a hollow place in the drawhead on one of the cars of the quarry railroad. The mystery is thus solved.

John A. Pirtle of Los Angeles and his associates have obtained a 50-year franchise to transmit electrical power from the Kaweah river to the town of Visalia. Work is to be commenced in three months and the plant is to be completed in a year.

The big forest fire which has been raging in the mountains about the headwaters of the Carmel river, Monterey county, for the past two weeks has at last been checked. The loss in pasturage and dry feed for stock, as well as valuable timber, is very heavy.

The trouble over lots in Juneau, Alaska, has at last been decided by a decision of Judge Delaney. Possessory rights of squatters who have improved their holdings are held to be good against invasion. Titles given by the original locator are by the decision rendered valid, even though the holders shall absent from the property.

Surveys for the extension of the San Joaquin Valley railroad to Point Richmond have been completed from that point to near Antioch. Work has also begun across the marsh from Stockton to the point of union. The surveying will be completed in time for the beginning of work on the bay branch of the road at the opening of the new year, when it is expected that the road will have reached Bakersfield.

Arrangements have been completed for a match between Goddard and Sharkey, to take place at San Francisco during the latter part of November. The National Athletic club of San Francisco offered a \$10,000 purse for the match, but nothing definite has been settled in this regard, and articles have not been signed. Goddard is now in Ireland and will leave at once for this country. Sharkey is in San Francisco.

By the decisive vote of 14 to 4 the regents of the University of California denied the application of the Hahemann Medical college for affiliation with the State institution. Those who voted in favor of the proposition were Regents Budd, Jeter, John E. Budd and Foote. Those who voted against it were Regents Kellogg, Slack, Phelps, Denicke, Rowell, Martin, Houghton, Mrs. Hearst, Rodgers, Hallidie, Mayre, Wallace, Hellman and Reinstein. This action of the regents ends a bitter and long-continued fight between the rival schools of medicine in favor of allopaths.

According to the report of Deputy Fish Commissioner Babbitt, the run of salmon in the rivers this fall is the largest for many years. The canneries have more fish than they can handle, and thousands of fish are spoiling for the want of proper facilities to handle them. From all accounts the pack this year is at least 60 per cent larger than it was last year. This fall the canneries have put up 23,000 cases as against 13,000 last fall. The total pack for the season will be about 41,600 in round numbers. All that is packed is that which is left over the market supply. The farmers have salted down large quantities this year. The great run may be accounted for by the excellent care taken to preserve the fish when on their way to the spawning grounds.

William Price of McKeesport, Pa., is at Seattle, Wash., representing the heavily-capitalized company of Pennsylvanians who are to erect and operate a steel plant at Los Angeles. Mr. Price states that work will be commenced within sixty days and be pushed to completion. The prime object of the large plant which will be erected will be the manufacture of tin plates. The process will be started in a blast furnace and ended with the shipment of high-class tin plates to their destination.

An official report filed at the custom house at Port Townsend, Wash., September 13, by Inspector Webber, whose detail has been at Point Roberts for the past three months, shows that the catch of the fishing season just closed is the largest ever known in the northwest. The Alaska packing company at Point Roberts put up 95,000 cases. Altogether 2,500,000 of fish were caught off the mouth of the Fraser river during the season, and nearly as many humpback salmon were taken from the traps and left on mud flats to die and decay. As a result of the unexpectedly large run this season, fishermen predict a light run next season. Prices for fish range from 10 to 25 cents usually, but this season the fishermen were glad to sell at 3 cents apiece.

Recently a joint county organization, representing Kings, Tulare, Kern and Fresno counties, was formed at Fresno, under the title of the Central California Developing Association. It elected officers as follows: President, Fulton G. Berry of Fresno; vice-president, Senator S. C. Smith of Kern; secretary, John Reichman of Fresno; treasurer, Sus Mitchell of Tulare. It will be the purpose of this association to exhibit and make popular California dried fruits of all kinds, grapes, raisins and wines, and thereby create a demand for them where none has heretofore existed. Also to induce beet sugar manufacturers and various other industries to locate in that valley, increasing its population, its industries, the demand for its products, and adventures of all sorts that are beneficial and will promote and secure better conditions.

Atty.-Gen. W. F. Fitzgerald has rendered a very important opinion relative to the holding of primary elections this year. It is particularly important at the present time, in view of the fact that this year there will be several elections held in different places in the state, and the question was whether such elections and the selection of the election commissioners should be under the old law or under the law passed by the late legislature. The opinion has a particular bearing on this city and Sacramento, besides one or two other cities where elections will be held this year. The Attorney-General's opinion was given in response to an inquiry by Mayor Hubbard of Sacramento. He holds that the new act is inoperative prior to 1898, and does not govern primary elections held before that time. The Attorney-General maintains that primary officers can only be selected in a year in which a general election is to be held.

Secretary Alger is now engaged in the attempt to solve the question of how to get supplies into the Klondyke gold regions and thereby prevent the threatened starvation of many miners. The great Yukon river, which formed the main reliance of the miners as a means of getting supplies to Dawson, without doubt has already closed to navigation by boats, and a movement via Chilcot is almost impossible. The problem, therefore is a hard one and has taxed the best thought of General Alger and the cabinet officers and the President, by whom the subject has been earnestly discussed. Now, however, it is believed by the Secretary that, by means of a novel character of transportation, supplies into the gold country may be provided, even in the midst of Alaskan winter. He has opened correspondence indirectly with a Chicago inventor, who makes locomotives specially adapted to the navigation of the Yukon when frozen thickly. With a few of these machines placed on the river it is hoped that a sufficient supply of food and other necessary stores may be carried up the Yukon to relieve all distress among miners. The Secretary has already had some experience with this kind of locomotive, so that the scheme is not as radical an experiment as at first thought to be.

At Oak Park, a Chicago suburb, Congregational people have established a camp, with tents, hammocks, etc., for the mothers and children of Chicago's river ward. Each party is allowed to remain a week, and the experiment is a great success.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece has been signed.

Hon. Henry W. Sage, the well-known philanthropist, is dead, aged 83.

Argentina is preparing a retaliatory tariff against the United States.

Emperor Nicholas is desirous of pacifying the Poles. His recent visit to Warsaw was for that purpose.

A special from Buenos Ayres says that it is feared that the harvest will be almost entirely destroyed by locusts.

Andrew Carnegie has bought Skibo castle, with 28,000 acres of the best shooting and fishing land in Scotland.

Germany will attempt retaliation against United States tariff rates by practical prohibition of the importation of meats from America.

Prominent Guatemalan refugees, traveling for their health, arrived at San Francisco with accounts of political chaos in Central America.

Prices in Japan are now steadily rising, orders on a large scale having been received from abroad by many of the foreign firms in Yokohama.

Hawaii's legislature is believed to have ratified the annexation treaty, and thus to have increased the likelihood of favorable action by the United States senate.

Two hundred miners who were fighting fire in a mine near Melbourne, Australia, were overcome with the fumes. Many dead bodies have been taken from the shaft.

Advices from Honolulu are that the Ewa plantation has completed its sugar crop. The total output is 15,000 short tons, or 30,000,000 pounds for 1897, the heaviest sugar yield from any single plantation on the island. Acreage is now in for 16,000 tons next season.

A Spanish cabinet crisis is likely to result from the action of the Bishop who objected to the looting of the church treasury. A horrible condition at Havana has been caused by a lack of proper food.

Roborowsky, the Russian explorer, has discovered a place in Central Asia where no rain, but only snow, falls at any time throughout the year. This is in the Thibetan highlands, at an altitude of 17,800 feet. The thermometer on June 15 was 12 degrees below zero, centigrade.

The Bank of England will pay £2,500,000 to the India government for bills recently sold. Gold shipments to America will come from France, while Sydney is preparing a heavy shipment of gold for New York. The fact is conceded that the gold to be sent to America can no longer be postponed.

Telegraphic advices from the New York Herald's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro state that the government has cabled to the Rothschilds refusing their offer to lease the Greenwood railroad. The government holds that such a lease would be in opposition to the interests of the country.

The British forces are advancing against the revolting natives of India. The lower Mohmands have already yielded, but trouble is thought to be more serious than a mere revolt of natives, and the good faith of the ameer of Afghanistan is seriously questioned. Examination shows marks of the Russian bear's paw.

In the provinces of Tula, Knosk and Moscow, Russia, owing to the drouth, winter wheat cannot be sown. The peasants have petitioned the throne to furnish free seeds to the sufferers, owing to the failure of crops. All grass has withered, cattle are dying, while destitution and distress prevail in these and adjoining provinces.

The treaty signed by the representatives of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador has gone into effect. The union is named the Republic of Central America, and the countries forming it take the name of states. The fusion of these states is regarded as of great consequence, especially as securing internal peace in Central America.

An attempt was made to assassinate President Diaz on September 16. He was going to a review of troops through a public park, when an Italian named Arroyo sprang from behind a bush and lunged at him with a poniard. The minister of war seized the man and flung him to the ground, when he was arrested. Diaz escaped injury. The would-be assassin was killed by a mob the following evening.

The latest scandal in court circles has set all Europe by the ears. It is reported that the Guelph fund of sixty million marks has been squandered by Emperor William. The fund was the private fortune of the house of Hanover. The English royal family has some claim to it. Much feeling has been engendered in royal circles.

An exhausted carrier pigeon arrived at Logansport, Ind., bearing a message, partly obliterated, of which only "August 29, Pole. Andree," could be deciphered.

The steamer Belle of Memphis is a snag in the Mississippi river at Island, just below Chester, Ill. A hole forty feet long in her hull, she sunk with ten feet of her decks. About 200 tons of cargo aboard was saved.